

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/630,436

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 30 July 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 7-13, 15, 16, 18-23, 26-29, 33-39, 41, 42, 44-55, 59-65, 67, 68, 70-75, 78-81, 85-91, 93, 94, 96-101 and 104.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia, such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 10/12/05
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

Receipt of the Preliminary Amendment and Response, both filed 07/30/03 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-3, 7-13, 15, 16, 18-23, 26-29, 33-39, 41, 42, 44-55, 59-65, 67, 68, 70-75, 78-81, 85-91, 93, 94, 96-101 and 104 are pending in this action. Claims 1, 3, 18, 27, 29, 44, 50, 51, 53, 55, 70 and 96 have been amended. Claims 4-6, 14, 17, 24, 25, 30-32, 40, 43, 56-58, 66, 69, 76, 77, 82-84, 92, 95, 102 and 103 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 7-13, 15, 16, 18-23, 26-29, 33-39, 41, 42, 44-55, 59-65, 67, 68, 70-75, 78-81, 85-91, 93, 94, 96-101 and 104 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M. Henry Heines on October 12, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On Page 1, beginning on line 5 of the 'Cross-Reference to Related Applications' section, the phrase 'This application is a divisional of 10/033,730 filed 11/02/2001, now US Pat. No. 6,689,385' has been added.

In the Claims:

The term '*prevention*' has been **deleted** from each of claims 1, 7, 10, 27, 33, 36, 53, 59, 62, 79, 85 and 88.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 7-13, 15, 16, 18-23, 26-29, 33-39, 41, 42, 44-55, 59-65, 67, 68, 70-75, 78-81, 85-91, 93, 94, 96-101 and 104 are allowed.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Humera N. Sheikh whose telephone number is (571) 272-0604. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00A.M. to 5:30P.M., alternate Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page, can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.


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